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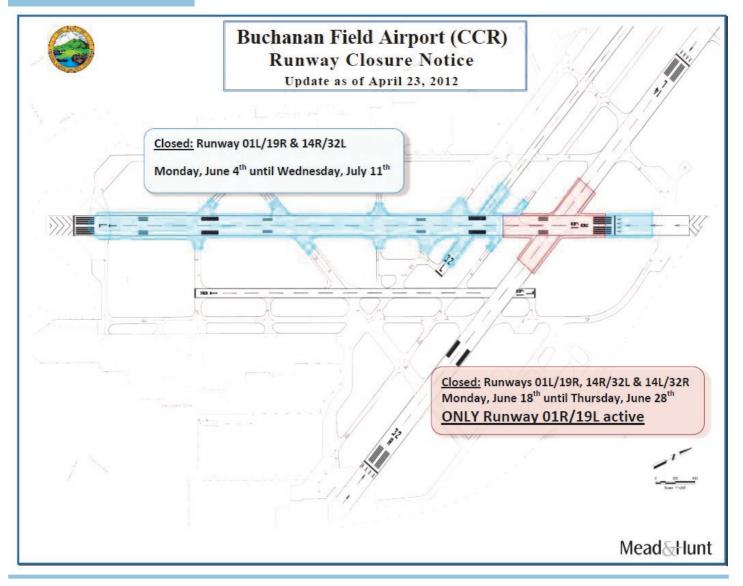
Buchanan Field and Byron Airports - www.buchananfield-byronairports.org

### **Buchanan Field Runway Rehabilitation**

After 20 years Runway 01L/19R at Buchanan Field is being resurfaced starting Monday, June 4, 2012.

Please note the two longest runways are scheduled to be closed between Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. **During this period only Runway 01R/19L (2768' x 75') will be active. Jet aircraft and aircraft greater than 12,500 pounds are prohibited from using Runway 01R/19L.** 

We are sorry for any inconvenience. Space is available at Byron Airport if you would like to relocate. Please contact us if your are interested in relocating.



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## **Security Update — Gate Access Cards**

The security upgrades at Buchanan Field are now complete. Through the process over 700 new gate access card applications were processed and most of those access cards have been issued. If you turned in an application and have not picked up your access card please do so. The old key readers were retired on April 2, 2012 and vehicle access is now limited to the new gate access cards. **REMINDER: December 31, 2012**, is the last day the old key cards can be returned for a deposit refund. Please note that key card deposits can <u>only</u> be refunded to the person who made the deposit according to the County Records.

Now that the new gate access readers are up and running at Buchanan Field, Airport staff is looking at the prospect of making similar access card improvements at the Byron Airport.

# **Upcoming Airport Happenings**

### Buchanan Field:

The East Ramp bathrooms are scheduled for a makeover. Both restrooms are scheduled to be closed May 15 and 16, with the men's room also being closed on either May 17 or 18 while the updates are being performed.

Contra Costa County Airports Draft Minimum Standards, Development, Facility Use and Lease Policies comments are due back to Airport staff by June 5. A copy is on our website.

East ramp hangar rows E & F will be having seals replaced between the hangar doors; rows A, C & D have a different design and do not need seals. Airport staff will contact tenants to advise when the work will be performed.

Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour — Airport Transient Ramp, May 30 thru June 1 Golden Gate Mustang Rally — Airport Transient Ramp, June 20 thru June 24

### Byron Airport:

Airport staff will be inspecting <u>all</u> Byron Hangars. Hangar inspections will be taking place September 13th, 20th, and 27th, 2012. Please call (925) 646-5722 to schedule your inspection.

### **Meet the New Airport Staff**



"Hi, my name is Raj Singh and I am the accounting technician for the County Airports. I am new to the aeronautical industry and I look forward to learning more about it. I was born and raised right here in the East Bay I graduated with a degree in Business Administration with a focus in Finance in 2008 from California State University Hayward. My short time here has been great."

My name is Zachary Stone, I was born and raised in Concord, and remember as a child my dad taking me to air shows at Buchannan Field. After graduating high school I enlisted in the US Navy and served 4 years on active duty and 4 years in the reserves, working as a Aviation Fire and Rescue team leader. Now I'm very happy to be part of the team here at Contra Costa County Airports as an Airport Operations Specialist.





My name is Ron Artale and I look forward to becoming better acquainted with all of the tenants at Buchanan and Byron. I was fortunate enough to be chosen as an Airport Operations Specialist because of my experience as an Air Force Firefighter and the two years spent working overseas as a civilian contractor firefighting on military airfields. Before I joined the Air Force, I graduated from Clayton Valley High School in 2000 and finished up my Associate's Degree at DVC in 2004. Although I now live in Livermore, I am so happy to be working in my hometown. If you see me around, say "Hi".